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PRINTING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
SUBMITTING A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION
IN THE SUM OF \$125,000 REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE FOR PRINTING AND BINDING FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 1920.

FEBRUARY 2, 1920.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 31, 1920.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress copy of a communication from the Secretary of Agriculture of the 23d instant, submitting a supplemental estimate of appropriation, in the sum of \$125,000, required by the Department of Agriculture for printing and binding for the fiscal year 1920.

The necessity for the appropriation is fully set forth in the letter of the Secretary of Agriculture herewith.

Respectfully,

CARTER GLASS, *Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 23, 1920.

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: I am transmitting herewith, for inclusion in the urgent deficiency bill, a supplemental appropriation of \$125,000 for printing and binding for the Department of Agriculture during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, as follows:

For printing and binding for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal
year ending June 30, 1920..... \$125,000.

Although the printing needs of this department still must be met for nearly one-half of the fiscal year the unencumbered balance on December 31 of the present appropriation of \$600,000 for this purpose was only \$145,352.17, or about 25 per cent of the original appropriation. The department, therefore, faces a serious situation with regard to printing for the remainder of the year. Orders for printing, both for manuscript and job work, have been scrutinized very carefully throughout the year, keeping in mind at all times the need for strict economy, and only that printing which was essential has been permitted.

At the beginning of the fiscal year 1920 it was clear that the appropriation for printing was entirely inadequate. The original estimate of the department for this purpose was \$700,000 but only \$600,000 was appropriated. A similar amount was provided for 1919, although the regular appropriation for 1918 was \$650,000. It should be borne in mind, however, that during 1918 and 1919 additional funds were available for printing under the emergency food production act, which expired on June 30, 1919; and that the cost of printing has advanced approximately 10 per cent and the cost of paper 25 per cent since the estimates for 1920 were submitted.

The department has found it necessary during the year to withhold from publication valuable manuscript summarizing the results of its scientific investigations and experiments, for the conduct of which large sums have been appropriated by the Congress. These manuscript contain valuable information regarding various phases of agriculture which should be made available to the interested public without further delay. They have a very direct bearing on the present economic situation, dealing particularly with the production, marketing, and distribution of food, and with the work of forestry and home economics, but they can not be published unless additional funds are provided.

In the circumstances, I urgently recommend that an additional appropriation of \$125,000 be included in the urgent deficiency bill so that the department may be in position properly to disseminate the information which Congress has authorized it to secure.

Respectfully,

D. F. HOUSTON,
Secretary.

Supplemental estimate of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, by the Department of Agriculture.

PUBLIC PRINTING AND BINDING.

Public printing and binding—

For printing and binding for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920 (Rev. Stat., p. 720, sec. 3661; 34 Stat., p. 762, sec. 1; act July 19, 1919, vol. 41, p. 229, sec. 1).....	\$125,000
Amount appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1920..	600,000





